

In 2000, the agency established the "Turtle" Award, named fondly for the agency logo's perceived likeness to a "turtle."

The "Turtle" Award recognizes annually to a non-governmental individual or organization for support of Arizona's rich cultural heritage and the work of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. A second award is given as the Director's recognition to a member or members of the agency staff for their attitude and commitment to our agency, our clients, and our work.

We present the "Turtle" Award annually at the Arizona Convocation of librarians, archivists, museum professionals, historians, genealogists, records managers, preservationists, conservators, and others responsible for and interested in preserving Arizona's cultural heritage.

The Convocations help build a community of Arizonans who collect, provide public access to, manage, protect and cherish the records, maps, objects, publications, photographs, and other materials that form the state's cultural legacy. The Convocations enable these individuals to share information about their collections and programs, to discover opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing, and to promote public access to the books, records, and objects of Arizona's past.

The Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records selects the two annual recipients of the "Turtle" Award. Winners receive a framed certificate and the external individual or organization representative receives the agency's logo "Turtle" lapel pin.

2006 "Turtle" Awards

The 2006 "Turtle" Awards were presented to the Arizona Friends of Talking Books and to staff member Lisa Maxwell, Records Management Specialist. The awards were presented at the Arizona Convocation 2006 in Phoenix on March 5 and 6, 2006.

Arizona Friends of Talking Books

An award for support and advocacy on behalf of the Arizona Friends of Talking Books was given to **Dr. David Rockwell**, President of Arizona Friends of Talking Books, **Leslie Rachels**, Vice-President of Arizona Friends of Talking Books, and **Yvonne Anderson**, Member of the Board of Directors of Arizona Friends of Talking Books.

Lisa Maxwell

Lisa Maxwell, Records Management Specialist in the Records Management Division was commended for staff excellence due to her wonderful support for the work of the agency.